

West Nile Virus Dead Bird Reporting and Test Request Form

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
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Arbovirus Laboratory
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Tracking ID# _____

Assigned by MDPH Staff if bird is to be submitted for testing

Reporting of Dead Bird – Call (866) MASS-WNV / (866) 627-7968

The information below is required for surveillance purposes and to assess bird collection and testing needs. If the bird is considered satisfactory for testing, **please write the Tracking ID # assigned by the Information Line staff in the upper right hand corner of this form** and fill this form out completely. A bird that is not satisfactory for testing should not be submitted to the laboratory.

Has this bird already been reported to the Information Line?

Yes / No

(If “yes”, write the assigned tracking number in the box at the top right of this page)

(circle one)

BIRD INFORMATION:

Date of Report: _____

Condition of Bird:

- Are the eyes sunken in? Yes / No
- Are there flies/maggots on the bird? Yes / No
- Is the head intact? Yes / No
- Is the bird mutilated in any way? Yes / No

List Species of Bird: _____ Date Bird Found: _____

Street Address where Bird was found: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name and phone number of resident reporting bird:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Is this bird being submitted for testing? **Yes / No** If yes, Repository Name: _____

Comments: _____

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (if applicable):

Name: _____ Organization: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Transport of Bird

If the Department of Public Health determines that the bird is to be submitted for WNV testing, a tracking ID will be given over the phone and must be written on the bags containing the bird as well as on the top right of this form. In the event a bird tests positive for WNV, the arbovirus coordinator of the town will be notified.

All specimens must be properly packaged according to “Instructions for Packaging and Transporting Birds to the State Laboratory Institute”. This document can be found on the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm under ‘Information for Local Boards of Health’.

Disposal of Dead Birds Not Sent for Testing

Do not touch a bird with bare hands. Use double plastic bags to dispose of any bird not being submitted for testing. Once sealed in the double plastic bags, a dead bird can be placed in the trash. Wash hands with soap and water after disposal.

LAB USE ONLY

Laboratory ID _____ Date Received _____

Satisfactory? YES / NO Comments _____